



FEMA

OCT 7 2011

The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell
Governor of Virginia
1111 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Governor McDonnell:

This is in response to your September 20, 2011, request for a major disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of Virginia due to a 5.8 magnitude earthquake that occurred on August 23, 2011. You specifically requested Individual Assistance for Louisa County and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

Based on our review of all of the information available, it has been determined that the damage to dwellings from this event was not of such severity and magnitude as to be beyond the capabilities of the commonwealth, affected local governments, and voluntary agencies. Accordingly, we have determined that supplemental federal assistance is not necessary. Therefore, I must inform you that your request for a major disaster declaration is denied.

This denial may be appealed within 30 days after the date of this letter. Any appeal pursuant to 44 CFR § 206.46, along with additional information justifying the appeal, should be submitted to the President through MaryAnn Tierney, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region III, located at:

One Independence Hall, Sixth Floor
615 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106-4404

I regret that we could not respond favorably to your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Craig Fugate".

W. Craig Fugate
Administrator